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SUBJECT:NAVFAC ELEUTHERA AIRFIELD GOVERNORS HARBOR,
ELEUTHERA

REF: A) NASSAU 1167 B) NASSAU 1140

1. DEPT APPRECIATES AND AGREES WITH EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDA-
TIONS IN REF A IN REPLYING TO GCOB NOTE CONTAINED IN REF B.

2. ACCORDINGLY, DEPT PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING NOTE IN REPLY
TO GCOB NOTE (REF B) RECEIVED ON 23 MAY.

BEGIN TEXT:

(COMPLIMENTARY OPENING). . . AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER
TO YOUR NOTE OF MAY 2,, 1978, CONCERNING THE PROPOSED
EXPANSION OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY AUXILIARY AIRFIELD
AT GOVERNORS HARBOR, ELEUTHERA.

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I AM PLEASED TO ADVISE THE MINISTRY THAT, WHILE THERE
IS NO MILITARY NECESSITY FOR THESE PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS,
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS ACCOMPLISHING

THE PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS AT NO COST TO THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT. THE MILITARY AND LOGISTICS FUNCTIONS AND

OPERATIONS OF THE AIRFIELD MUST NOT BE HAMPERED OR INTERFERED WITH BY THE CONSTRUCTION OR THE ENSUING INCREASE IN AIRCRAFT AND PASSENGER TRAFFIC, AND MILITARY AIRCRAFT AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT AIRCRAFT MUST CONTINUE TO HAVE PRIORITY USAGE OF THE FACILITY.

THE CONTROL TOWER IS PRESENTLY MANNED ON A CONTRACT BASIS AND IS LIMITED TO THE CONTROL OF U.S. MILITARY AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT AIRCRAFT. IT MAY, HOWEVER, BE POSSIBLE FOR THIS CONTRACT SERVICE TO BE EXTENDED TO OTHER AIRCRAFT.

ADDITIONALLY, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO ARRIVE AT OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR POSSIBLE JOINT USE, COST SHARING OF THE RUNWAY MAINTENANCE COSTS, IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURES AND THE LIKE.

WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS AT THE MINISTRY'S CONVENIENCE.

(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE)

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